



Educational Support Service - Dr. Paul Fregeau, Executive Director - 816.413.5041

November 4, 2008

Re: Request for Reconsideration of Materials

Dear ,

Please accept this letter as the formal notification of the result of your request for reconsideration regarding The Drug Awareness Library. Per board policy, KLB-AP, a committee met on November 3, 2008 for the purpose of reviewing a request for reconsideration of materials.

The committee convened and deliberated the educational merit and age appropriateness of the series.

The committee considered the following options:

- Retained without restriction.
- Retained with restriction.
- Not retained.

Committee members reviewed the district "Instructional Materials" policy. Members concentrated on "judging the material as a whole", taking into account the purpose, authenticity/accuracy, appropriateness, and content. No professional reviews were available.

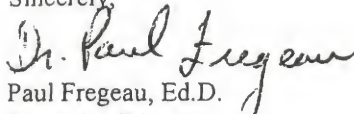
The Reconsideration Committee reached consensus to "do not retain" based upon the above information.

Please understand the committee has reviewed your request thoroughly and I hope you can appreciate the position it took in regards to this request. If you would like to appeal this decision you would need to submit a letter within five business days to:

The Superintendent of Schools
North Kansas City Schools
2000 N.E. 46th Street
Kansas City, MO 64116

Thank you for following the proper process and making us aware of your concerns. If you have any questions, please call me at (816) 413-5041.

Sincerely,


Paul Fregeau, Ed.D.
Executive Director
Educational Support Services

Pc: Dr. Thomas Cummings, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Todd White, Associate Superintendent of Educational Programs
Ms. Jill Smith, Library Media Coordinator

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Request for Reconsideration of Materials Meeting
November 3, 2008
Admin Training Room, CO

Review Committee

- Dr. Paul Fregeau, Executive Director Educational Support Services
- Jill Smith, District Library Media Coordinator
- Dara Wood, Media Specialist, Linden West Elementary School
- Chris Daniels, Principal, Chouteau Elementary School
- Roxanne Arvidson, Teacher West Englewood Elementary School
- Jennifer Ross, Parent, PTA Council Representative
- LeAnn Smith, SRO, Antioch Middle School

Welcome and Introductions

Decision-Making Process

Review Policy, Procedures, Objectives for the Selection of Library Materials

Review Request for Reconsideration of Materials for:

Hoot by Alvin Schwartz

Drug Awareness Library publisher Powerkids Press

Discuss Checklist for Reconsideration of Materials

Discuss Additional Information

Committee Recommendation

- Retained without restriction
- Retained with restriction
- Not retained

Conclusion

1 best copy

CHECKLIST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
NONFICTION

Title *Drug Awareness Library - various titles*
Author *Powerkids Press*
Format *print book*

A. Purpose

1. What is the overall purpose, theme, or message of the material?

drug education

2. Is the purpose accomplished? ☒ Yes ☐ No

B. Authenticity/accuracy

1. Is the authority competent and qualified in the field? ☐ Yes ☒ No *questionable*

2. What is the reputation and significance of the author and publisher/producer in the field?

unable to locate & verify

3. Is the material current? ☐ Yes ☒ No

4. Are information sources well documented? ☐ Yes ☒ No *no biblio.*

5. Are translations and retellings faithful to the original? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

C. Appropriateness

1. Does the material promote the educational goals and objectives of the curriculum?

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ NA

2. Are the illustrations appropriate to the subject and age levels? ☐ Yes ☒ No

☐ NA *too explicit, DARE officer equipment not shown*

3. Is it appropriate to the level of instruction intended? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ NA

mixed responses, regarding text.

D. Content

1. Is the content of this material well presented by providing adequate scope, range, depth, and continuity? ☐ Yes ☒ No *dated*

2. Does this material present information not otherwise available? ☒ Yes ☒ No ***

3. Does this material give a new dimension or direction to its subject? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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CHECKLIST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
NONFICTION

E. Reviews

1. Review sources none

Favorably reviewed _____ Unfavorably reviewed _____

2. Does this title appear on award lists? _____ Yes ☒ No

If so, which lists?

Additional comments

Recommendation by Review Committee:

☐ Retain without restriction

☐ Retain with restriction

☒ Do not retain

Date Apr. 3, 2008

Signature of Review Committee Members

Dana P. Wood
Janet Ross
Kathleen Harrison
Debra Smith
Chris T. Smith

PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR CONCERNS REGARDING DISTRICT
INSTRUCTIONAL/MEDIA/LIBRARY MATERIALS
(Request for Reconsideration of Materials)

Author: Ruth Chies
Format: _____
Title: The Drug Awareness Library
Publisher (if known): Rosen Publishing Group's PowerKids Press
Request Initiated By: _____
Telephone: _____ Address: _____
City: KC MO Zip: 64119
E-mail Address: _____

1. Did you read or view the entire book or material? ☒ Yes ☐ No
If not, what parts did you read or view? Please be specific--cite page numbers.

2. What are your specific objections to the educational use of this material?

3. What would you like your library/school to do about this work?

- ☐ Do not assign/lend it to my child: _____
☐ Return it to the staff selection committee/department for re-evaluation.

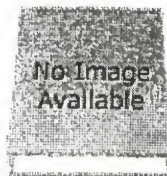
☒ Other, please explain: Teachers could use them as teaching materials & be selective w/ the context in the book.

Signature: _____

Date: 10/10/08

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**Danger. Alcohol** (#25927C1)
by Chier, Ruth. **Publisher's Hardcover**
1st ed.
24 p. : col. ill. ; 18 cm.
\$15.95

Title Details

Title: Danger. Alcohol / Ruth Chier.**Publisher:** PowerKids Press, p1996, c1996**ISBN-13:** 978-0-8239-2339-7**LCCN:** 96014333**ISBN-10:** 0-8239-2339-8**Dewey:** 362.29**Classifications:** Nonfiction**Interest Level:** 3-6**Reading Level:** 2.8**Series:** The drug awareness library**Included in These Sets/Series:** Drug Awareness Library**Subjects:** Alcoholism.**Notes:** Includes index. Introduces the nature and effects of alcohol and describes what happens when it is abused.

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Danger. Marijuana

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by Chier, Ruth.

Publisher's Hardcover
1st ed.
24 p. : col. ill. ; 19 cm.
\$15.95

Title Details

Title: Danger. Marijuana / Ruth Chier.**Publisher:** PowerKids Press, p1996, c1996**ISBN-13:** 978-0-8239-2335-9**LCCN:** 95050791**ISBN-10:** 0-8239-2335-5**Dewey:** 362.29**Classifications:** Nonfiction**Interest Level:** 3-6**Reading Level:** 5.0**Series:** The drug awareness library**Included in These Sets/Series:** Drug Awareness Library**Subjects:** Marijuana.

Drug abuse.

Notes: Includes index. Discusses the effect of marijuana on humans and the value of avoiding its use.*Want This Title?*☐ Want ☐ First Choice *My Notes:*Enter your notes here.
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Danger. Inhalants

**Danger. Inhalants** (#25680C2)
by Chier, Ruth. **Publisher's Hardcover**
1st ed.
24 p. : col. ill. ; 19 x 20 cm.
\$15.95

Title Details

Title: Danger. Inhalants / Ruth Chier.**Publisher:** PowerKids Press, p1996, c1996**ISBN-13:** 978-0-8239-2340-3**LCCN:** 96014645**ISBN-10:** 0-8239-2340-1**Dewey:** 362.29**Classifications:** Nonfiction**Interest Level:** 3-6**Reading Level:** 4.2**Series:** The Drug awareness library**Included in These Sets/Series:** [Drug Awareness Library](#)**Subjects:** Solvent abuse.

Drug abuse.

Notes: Includes index. Discusses the dangers posed by abuse of chemical inhalants, such as glue, nail polish, and gasoline.

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by Sevastiades, Patra McSharry.
 Publisher's Hardcover
1st ed.
24 p. : col. ill. ; 19 x 20 cm.
\$15.95

Title Details

Title: Danger. Heroin / Patra McSharry Sevastiades.**Publisher:** PowerKids Press, p1997, c1997**ISBN-13:** 978-0-8239-5048-5**LCCN:** 96041653**ISBN-10:** 0-8239-5048-4**Dewey:** 362.29**Classifications:** Nonfiction**Interest Level:** K-3**Reading Level:** 4.1**Series:** The drug awareness library**Included in These Sets/Series:** Drug Awareness Library**Subjects:** Heroin.

Drug abuse.

Notes: Includes index.; What are drugs? -- What is heroin? -- How is heroin used? -- What does heroin do? -- Heroin hurts your body -- What is an addict? -- Being addicted -- Why people use heroin -- Heroin and your friends. An introduction to the dangerous drug, heroin, explaining its effect on the body and some reasons why people become addicted.

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Title Details

Title: Danger. Hallucinogens / Patra McSharry Sevastiades.**Publisher:** PowerKids Press, p1997, c1997**ISBN-13:** 978-0-8239-5047-8**LCCN:** 96041654**ISBN-10:** 0-8239-5047-6**Dewey:** 362.29**Classifications:** Nonfiction**Interest Level:** K-3**Reading Level:** 2.9**Series:** The drug awareness library**Included in These Sets/Series:** Drug Awareness Library**Subjects:** Hallucinogenic drugs.

Drugs.

Drug abuse.

Notes: Includes index.; Drugs can hurt or heal – What are hallucinogens? – Human-made hallucinogens – Natural hallucinogens – How they affect your mind – They can change you – Why people use them – Finding help – Your friends and drugs. Introduces hallucinogenic drugs and explains their harmful effects and the dangers of using them.

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Danger. Drugs in your neighborhood

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Danger. Drugs in your neighborhood (#23423J3)
by Picard, E. Rafaela.

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\$15.95

Title Details

Title: Danger. Drugs in your neighborhood / E. Rafaela Picard.**Publisher:** PowerKids Press, p1997, c1997**ISBN-13:** 978-0-8239-5051-5**LCCN:** 96037654**ISBN-10:** 0-8239-5051-4**Dewey:** 362.29**Classifications:** Nonfiction**Interest Level:** K-3**Reading Level:** 3.5**Series:** The drug awareness library**Included in These Sets/Series:** Drug Awareness Library**Subjects:** Drug abuse and crime.
Drug abuse.

Notes: Includes index.; What is a neighborhood? – Neighborhood lessons – What are drugs? – Drug dealers – Hurting the neighborhood – How do drugs hurt you? – Crime in your neighborhood – Drugs don't solve problems – Neighborhood safety – Taking care of yourself. Explains how illegal drugs hurt people and the areas in which they live, how to detect the signs of drug use and sales in a neighborhood, and how to avoid drug dealers.

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Danger. Drugs and your parents

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INSIDE**Danger. Drugs and your parents (#10567K4)**
by Picard, E. Rafaela. Publisher's Hardcover
1st ed.
24 p. : col. ill. ; 19 x 20 cm.
\$15.95

Title Details

Title: Danger. Drugs and your parents / E. Rafaela Picard.**Publisher:** PowerKids Press, p1997, c1997**ISBN-13:** 978-0-8239-5050-8**LCCN:** 96040329**ISBN-10:** 0-8239-5050-6**Dewey:** 362.29**Classifications:** Nonfiction**Interest Level:** K-3**Reading Level:** 3.8**Series:** The drug awareness library**Included in These Sets/Series:** Drug Awareness Library**Subjects:** Substance abuse.

Family problems.

Notes: Includes index.; What is a drug? -- Chemical dependence -- Changes in behavior -- Confusing behavior -- Abuse -- Denial -- Talk about it -- Finding help -- You are not alone. Discusses how the disease of chemical dependency in a parent can affect families and how children can get help.

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Danger. Drugs and your friends (#21536J8)
by Picard, E. Rafaela.

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24 p. : col. ill. ; 19 x 20 cm.
\$15.95

Title Details

Title: Danger. Drugs and your friends / E. Rafaela Picard.**Publisher:** PowerKids Press, p1997, c1997**ISBN-13:** 978-0-8239-5049-2**LCCN:** 96039267**ISBN-10:** 0-8239-5049-2**Dewey:** 362.29**Classifications:** Nonfiction**Interest Level:** K-3**Reading Level:** 2.6**Series:** The drug awareness library**Included in These Sets/Series:** Drug Awareness Library**Subjects:** Drugs.

Notes: Includes index.; What is a friend? -- Friends and peer pressure -- What is a drug? -- Why people use drugs -- The effects of drugs -- Hurting people -- Dealers are not friends -- Be smart -- Helping a friend -- Taking care of yourself. Introduces the topic of illegal drugs, explaining what they are, how they cause harm, why some people use them, and how to say no.

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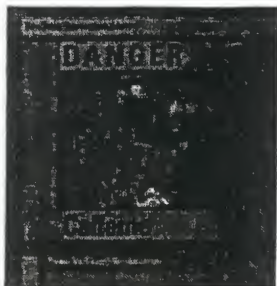
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\$15.95

Title Details

Title: Danger. Caffeine / Patra McSharry Sevastiades.**Publisher:** PowerKids Press, p1997, c1997**ISBN-13:** 978-0-8239-5046-1**LCCN:** 96044289**ISBN-10:** 0-8239-5046-8**Dewey:** 615**Classifications:** Nonfiction**Interest Level:** K-3**Reading Level:** 3.3**Series:** The drug awareness library**Included in These Sets/Series:** Drug Awareness Library**Subjects:** Caffeine.

Drug abuse.

Notes: Includes glossary and index.; What are drugs? -- What is caffeine? -- Caffeine is a legal drug -- Who uses caffeine? -- What does caffeine do? -- Caffeine can hurt you -- Why people use caffeine -- Building up a tolerance -- Taking care of your body. Explains how caffeine affects the body and the harm overuse of it can cause.

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